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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Michael N. Gurevich and Alexey Solofnenko :
Application No. 09/775,112 :
Filed: February 1, 2001 :
Docket No. 10002R0 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), filed September 9, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed September 22, 2004. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 23, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 19, 2005.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (3) above.

The petition is signed by only one applicant, Michael N. Gurevich.

Please note 37 CFR 1.33:

§ 1.33 Correspondence respecting patent applications, reexamination proceedings, and other proceedings.

(b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter. (Emphasis added).

As such, the statement of unintentional delay cannot be accepted unless the petition is signed by all of the applicants of the above-identified application.

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